AN ADVANCE ON TEB. THE ENGLISH TROOPS READY FOR BATTLE.

ANXIETY OVER THE EXPEDITION-SUAKIM THREAT-ENED BY OSMAN DIGMA.

CAIRO, Feb. 27.-The advance of the English troops on Teb began before daybreak to-day. Two hundred-and-fifty men were left to garrison Trinkitat, and a force of 3,500 men advanced to attack. It was expected that a battle would be fought about 9 o'clock in anxiety in Cairo about the result of the expedition, and less confidence is felt that the English will be victorious.

The black troops at Suakim have been found to be in communication with Ahmed Barondi, second in command under Osman Digma. Admiral Hewitt has forbidden them to leave the camp, and has stationed the gunboats Decoy and Sphinx so that their guns command the camp, with orders to open fire if there are any symptoms of mutiny.

It is announced that Charles de Lesseps will be in Cairo in April for the purpose of obtaining concessions which will permit the construction of a second canal across the isthmus of Sucz. The new Sultan of Darfour refuses to leave Korosko until he be recived £1,000 sterling.

THE SITUATION AT TRINKITAT. TRINKITAT, Feb. 27.-The British camp is well protected with earthworks. Spies report that Osman Digma is threatening Suakim. Admiral Hewitt has returned to Suakim. The rebels are massing one mile from Fort Baker and are firing at the British vedettes, without, however, doing any harm.

A Krupp gun has just been mounted at the fort.

The beach presents a lively appearance. The blu e jackets, up to their necks in the water, are landing the stores and carrying the soldiers ashore through the surf. The Gordon Highlanders and the Irish Fusileers are advancing occupy the fort erected by Baker Pacha. They divested themselves of shoes and stockings and walked bare-legged through the morasses which lie between the harbor and the mainland. The distance to the fort is about four miles. It was built on February 2 to protect the guns while crossing the morasses. The rebels regard with exultation the landing of the forces, They are convinced that Allah has sent all as prey ADVICES FROM EL OBEID.

KHARTOUM, Feb. 27 .- A man who has been tendays in making the journey arrived here this morning from El Obeid. He reports that the garrisons of Elfasher, Darra, Masteri and Foga are still surrounded, while the garrisons of Om Shanga and Kasi have at Bahrgazelle. He says there had been no fighting at Bahrgazelle. He saw three Englishmen at El Obeid who were captured at Kashgil. They were well treated. The missionaries were not molested. Obeid who were captured as Assagin well treated. The missionaries were not molested. The Mahdi has only a garrison at El Obeid. The Arabs have gone to their villages, but are under promise to assemble in case of war. Merchants are passing freely between here and Dongola.

SUAKIM, Feb. 27.—The captain of the Egyptian steamer Damandour has refused to obey orders to proceed with his vessel to Trinkitat. Admiral Hewitt has arrested the captain and placed his lientenent in charge.

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A fight took place to-day on the Berber road, nine miles from Suakim, between rebels and friendly tribes. Some of the latter cut their way through. Two thousand men gathered from tribes numbering 10,000 wish to come in to-morrow. The friendly tribes desire to fight if they are supported.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—According to mail accounts of Baker Pacha's defeat, lifteen Austrian, four German and four Swiss officers were killed.

IRISH DYNAMITEURS IN PARIS.

THE PARTY WATCHED BY POLICE,-PREPARING FOR FUTURE OUTRAGES.

Paris, Feb. 27 .- The police here are convinced that the advanced Irish party have made Paris their headquarters in Europe for the preparation of their dynamite schemes. Inspector Moser, acting under instructions from the British Home Secretary, and aided by a French Commissary of tice, is watching the movements of suspected Irishmen. The Nationalist colony includes representatives of the three centres of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. The first section com-prises the former Fenians James Stephens, John O'Leary and General MacAdaras. In an interview General MacAdaras disavowed belonging to the society. His mission was to counsel friends of extreme violent views; but it was not his duty to reveal their attempts, however nefarious or mistaken they might be. He was certain that other Nationalists shared this view.

Captain MacCafferty said the weak were justified in using terrorism against he strong. He repudiated affiliation with continental secret societies. He sympathized with revolutionary propagandism in Europe, because Ireland was benefited thereby; but Nationalism, even the most extreme, was not necessarily linked with Nihilism

or anarchy.

The police have traced the arrival of five trans-The police have traced the arrival of five transfers, or men belonging to the third or active section, the dynamiteurs, who have been told off for the next attempts. One of them is from Butlalo, N. Y., one from Paterson, N. J., one from Brooklyn, N. Y., and two from Texas. They are believed to be pupils of Mezeroff. The other Irishmen under watch are Cornelius Cullimore, Engene Davis, and Casey. It is believed that the dynamite is made at Casey. It is believed that the dynamite is made at Montrouge. The supposed manufacturer is registered as an anthorized chemical student. The measure under which authorization is necessary is confined to the making of dynamite. The instructor is believed to be a man named Brady under the alias of "King." The Brotherhood meet in the Rue Corneille, Rue Saint Honore, and Avenue Victor Hugo.

COMMENTS ON THE LONDON EXPLOSION. OPINIONS OF ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS-FENIAN OUT-

RAGES DENOUNCED. London, Feb. 27 .- The Times referring to the explosion at the Victoria Railway Station says: "It is clear that we have to deal with one of those cowardly outrages whereby Irishmen imagine that they are furthering the cause of Irish independence. The leaders of the Land League will do well to exert their influence with the dynamiters to repress outrages, since the British, however long suffering, will not indefinitely permit the murder of innocent persons, but may supplement the im-perfection of the legal machinery with exceedingly unpleasant reprisals upon Irishmen whose presence they now tolerate."

The News says: "There is no reason to fear that the dastards have the power or the opportunity to inflict destards have the power or the opportunity to inflict really serious injury upon the Nation. Their real object is to keep up a state of irritation and alarm, which is profitable to themselves and their friends."

The Standard says: "Feulan warfare at one o'clock in the morning upon travelling bags and portmanteaus and the alarm of half a dozen railway officials may have awkward results upon the British Constitution."

The Telegraph says: "The outrage proves the necessity of improving the detective department."

Colonel Majendie, Chief Inspector of Explosives, asserts that there is no doubt that the explosion was caused by nitro-giveering.

A BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED.

DARMSTADT, Feb. 27 .- The betrothal of the Princess Elizabeth of Hesse with the Grand Duke Sergius of Russia is officially announced. The Princess Elizabeth is the second daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse and the late Princess Alice of England. She was born on November 1, 1864. The Grand Duke Sergius is the next to the youngest brother of the Czar, and was born on May 11, 1857.

MILITARY OPERATIONS IN TONQUIN. PARIS, Feb. 27 .- M. Ferry, Prime Minister

and Minister of Foreign Affairs, will, at the instance of M. Tricon, lately French Minister to China, modify the Treaty of Hué so that the inhabitants will be relieved of the exactions of the mandarins. The situation in Tonquin is excellent. It is believed that the capture of Bac-Ninn will offer no serious difficulty. The operations in Ton-quin are regarded as almost terminated.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES. Berlin, Feb. 27 .- The Deutsche Tageblatt says: "Minister Sargeut has so compromised his Govcomment that if the latter does not wish further embar-Paris, Feb. 27.-Le Paris says: "Prince Bismarck

defied the world. But Democracy has more serious things to think about than than to mind this insolent challenge."

A STATE BANQUET IN BERLIN. THE GRAND DUKE MICHAEL AND THE RUSSIAN

EMBASSY ENTERTAINED. Berlin, Feb. 27.-Emperor William gave a state banquet to-night in honor of the special Russian Embassy and the Grand Duke Michael. General Gourko and other prominent Russians were present. The Emperor had previously bestowed on Grand Duke Michael the cordon of the Order of the Black Eagle, which the the morning. The naval brigade joined General latter wore. The Grand Duke sat between the Graham with two nine-pounders. There is growing Emperor William and the Empress Augusta, and

Emperor William and the Empress Augusta, and opposite Count von Moltke, who sat between General Gourko and General Count Schouvaloff. The Emperor William wore the uniform of a Kaluga regiment. He proposed a toast in honor of the Czar, speaking in the French language. He said:

"I am anxious to express to your Highness how much I am touched at the attention of the Czar in having remembered the anniversary of my receiving the Order of St. George after I had fought in the Russuan army in the Kaluga regiment, ofwhich I am colonel, under the eyes of my father. I am profoundly touched by this flattering souvenir. I desire your highness, together with the officers selected for this mission, to be the interpreters of my grateful sentiments toward the Czar. I drink to the health of the Czar."

THE MEXICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 27.-Senor Sebastian Camacho, director of the Mexican National Mint, has accepted the position of Resident Vice President of the Mexican Telegraph Company and the Central and South American Telegraph Company, vice Senor Ramsu G. Guz-man. He is a director in the Mexican Central Railway and in many other important enterprises in Mexico.

A MINISTER OF STATE SENTENCED. CHRISTIANA, Feb. 27 .- The trial of Christian ugust Selmer, Minister of State for Norway, under articles of impeachment, was concluded to-day before the Rigsret or Secret Tribunal. The Minister was adjudged guilty and sentenced to forfeit his place as Minister and his membership of the Royal Council, and to pay 18,225 kroner costs (about \$5,000).

TOPICS IN THE DOMINION.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.1 Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Government to take hold of the Orange incorporation bill and carry it through Parliament. Fearing to raise the hostility of the Irish Catholics the Government are holding back and refuse to have anything to do with it. It is therefore improbable that anything will be done this session to legalize the Orange body in Canada.

Sir Joan A. McDonald was closeted nearly all the after-Sir John A. McDonaid was closeled nearly an uncertainty noon with Manitoba members of Parliament regarding the situation in the Northwest, which is causing the Government considerable alarm. The Government received several telegrams to-day from Winniper of an alarming character, and it is stated to-night that, anticipating trouble among the disaffected whites, they will equip a small military force up there ready for any emergency that may require their intervention.

FOREIGN NOTES.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Miss Nevada, the American prima donna, has become a convert to the Roman Catholic faith, M. Gounod, the composer, will be one of the sponsors. LONDON, Feb. 27.-The Cunard Steamship Company has ecided to invite subscriptions to the amount of £250,000, to defray the cost of the steamers Umbria and Etruria, which are now building. Mortgage bonds of the denominations of £100, £500 and £1,000 will be issued. They will bear interest at 5 per cent, and will be payable in hree years.

Paris, Feb. 27.—There are rumors affoat of a minis erial crisis over the question of raising the salaries of primary schoolmasters.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Prince Victor Napoleon will shortly

ndertake a tour of the world, which, it is proposed, shall

ecupy a year. Реки, Feb. 27.—Herr von Tisza, Prime Minister of Hungary, has given instructions to the municipal authorities everywhere to proceed vigorously against all persons guilty of fomenting hostility against the Jews.

LIEUTENANT RHODES IN NEW-HAVEN. AGITATING FOR THE REVENUE MARINE-SH'S MED-

ALS AND GIFTS. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

NEW-HAVEN, Feb. 27 .- Second Lieutenant John U. Rhodes, of the revenue cutter Dexter, and the hero of the Gay-Head horror, has returned to Newport to secure an additional leave of absence, on account of the illness of his orphaned child which it is now feared is dying with pneumonia. His visit to New-Haven was for the purpose of securing the influence of the New-Haven Chamber of Commerce in aid of the bill which has been brought before Congress asking that marine be placed on the basis of those engaged in aval service; that is, that they shall receive proportionally large pensions when retired, and that the families of

ally large pensions when retired, and that the families of such as die in the service shall be provided for. No pensions are now given to such families. The matter is of much atterest to revenue service men.

Lieutenant Rhodes has presented Mayor Lewis, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, with copies of the resolutions in the matter which have been passed by the boards of trade of Boston and Providence. The local board will probably take favorable action on the matter soon. Other cities will then be visited.

Lieutenant Rhodes is now awaiting permission from the Secretary of 4the Treasury to divide the \$3,000 in cash, to which the Rhodes fund now amounts, among his shipmates and superior officers on the Dexter. He has invested it the porarily, and possibly fearing an adverse decision to his request from Washington has bought for every man on the cutter a roll of blankets and a new uniform.

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re is now on exhibition here the massive gold presented him by the Humane Society of of achusetts. It is suitably engraved and is intrinsically the society of the control of t worth \$120. It is one of three medals which Lieutenan thodes has recently received from different Human

TAMBO SECRETLY BURIED.

HOW THE AUSTRALIAN CURIOSITIES WANTED TO PREPARE THEIR FRIEND'S REMAINS. INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27 .- The funeral of Tambo, ne of the party of Australian boomerang throwers, who died in this city Sunday night, took place to-day. The burial was strictly private. Even his companions were not informed that the body had already been buried. They protested stoutly against our mode of earing for the dead, and insisted on practising their native custom of suspending the body by its legs from a limb of a tree, or placing it in a sitting posture, tying the knees up to the chin, and covering all but the head with dirt.

Mr. Cunningham, who has charge of the Mr. Cunningham, who has charge of the savages, says that Tambo was not the right name of the savage. Shortly after he had the party in this country they were stopping at an inn, and the landlord, suggesting that this one should have a name as well as the rest, dubbed him "Banjo." This name the savages could not pronounce, but modufied it to "Tambo," which has clung to that hadividual ever since. Mr. Cunningham says that he has great trouble with the creatures, and wishes they were of his hands. He says they are an "ugly," lazy lot, and that Tambo was the worst of them all.

A KANSAS STOCKHOLDER'S LIABILITY. THE DEFUNCT KANSAS CITY ROLLING MILL-A

NUMBER OF SUITS. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27 .- The Merchants' National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., has brought suit in the Common Pleas Court against Daniel P. Eelis for \$40,097 06, with interest at ten per cent per annum from date. The suit is one of the several now pending in which the defunct Kansas City Rolling Mill Company is nvolved, and is brought against Eells as stockho that company. The laws of Kansas, under which the company was incorporated, make a stockholder hable for all debts at the dissolution of any company incor por an ucus at the dissolution of any company line porated. The laws of that State also provide that "a corporation shall be deemed to be dissolved, for t purpose of enabling any creditors of such corporation prosecute suits against the stockholders thereof, to eforce their individual liability, if it be shown that succeptuation has suspended business for more than organ."

NELLIE HAZELTINE PARAMORE POISONED. A STARTLING REVELATION CONCERNING A ST. LOUIS FAVORITE'S DEATH.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] St. Louis, Feb. 27 .-- Dr. Boislimer, a leading physician of this city, says that Nellie Hazeltine Para-more, at one time the belle of St. Louis, and, when married by the Episcopal Bishop in Philadelphia two years ago, the object of great interest in social circles, died from taking twenty-one grains of morphine at a single dose. Her husband gave her this by accident. Dr. Bois-limer was not in attendance upon her, but was called in since to attend her. The husband has left his old home and gone to live with his father, Colonel Paramore, the president of the St. Louis and Texas Bailroad.

has not only outraged the American Republic, but has night, a local oyster boat caught up a piece of human scalp to which flesh was still hanging. It is generally be lieved to be that of a steamboat passenger who com ted suicide by leaping overboard, although inquiry at the offices and wharves throws no light on the subject. A search will probably be instituted for the corpse to-morrow. The scalp was covered with thick black and white hair, cut quite short, and has the appearance of having been in the water only a few days.

A SERIOUS MUNICIPAL TANGLE.

THE BALTIMORE COUNCIL ILLEGALLY CONFIRM A TAX COLLECTOR AND OTHER APPOINTEES.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Baltimore, Feb. 27.—The municipal affairs of this city are getting as thoroughly mixed as those of New-Orleans during the reconstruction era. The in-Marshal Heiskell out of office, for the purpose of getting the department into the hands of friends of the indicted fire commissioners before their trial came off, was the opening of a remarkable series of proceedings, and the results promise to be exceedingly serious. The whole business of the Tax Office may be thrown into confusion. Dozens of legal controversies affecting real estate and untold delay in the collections of revenue threaten to ensac and all for the gratification of the revenge or ambition of some politicians, and the cupidity of others.

By law all the Mayor's appointments must be confirmed before the expiration of February, or the present incumbents hold over. The bolting reform members refuse to return to the Council. The Mayor wanted the city law officers, Poe and Veazey, to say that a simple majority constitutes a quorum in Council. They refuse and resign. The ring lawyer appointed instead gave an opinion as desired The Council last night, without a legal quorum, confirmed 170 appointments of the Mayor, including the City Collector, Health Commissioner, and six directors on the part of the city to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

In the last campaign it was publicly charged by the reformers, and never denied, that the Bultimore and Ohio furnished \$20,000 to Latrobe's campaign fund, in consideration of which he was to make Edward Higgins, consideration of which he was to make Edward Higgins, their man, City Collector; a most important position considering the heavy taxes the company annually escapes paying. Protests from prominent fownsmen, including the president and secretary of the Democratic City Executive Committee, against such an appointment were of no awal. Higgins was confirmed last night. The legality of the Council's action will be tested before the Courts. In the meantime a lively fight will take place between the old officials and those thus fraudulently appointed, over possession of the offices. General Henry S. Taylor, the present efficient City Collector, said to-day regarding the action of the Council upon Mr. Higgins's confirmation:

the action of the Council upon Mr. Higgins's continuation:

"The question will be a serious drawback to the
collection of taxes, because the people will be chary
as to how they settle their dues to the
city, while the legality of the ChyCollector's confirmation
is in question; for no receipt given by an officer illegally
elected would be valid. I myself would not settle a bilof my own under such circumstances. The legality of
the tax sales would also be disputed; and with numbers of
havers watching these sales closely for flaws, in order
that they may get cases, it is plain that the city would
have a hard time in collecting back dues in this way."

A prominent Democrat, a lawyer, who has been identified with the regulars, and who believed their action in
making a majority a quorum illegal, says: "I believe
that never before in the history of this State and city
were the appointments of the Governor of the State and
Mayor of the city more thoroughly dictated by the ring
than during this year. It means the death-knell of the
psyllars, and the election of an independent Mayor. regulars, and the election of an independent Mayor Latrobe will never be Mayor now."

FORD'S OPERA COMPANY DISEANDED.

SOME MEMBERS ENLIST WITH "PRINCESS IDA "-REORGANIZATION NEXT MAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Baltimore, Feb. 27 .- The Charles E. Ford Opera Company disbanded after playing at Titusville Saturday night, after an organization of three years, and Mr. Ford has returned to this city, where he intends to remain until May 1. He will then probably reorganize and take the road again. Will Furst, the leader of the orchestra, several of the principal singers, and the chorus orchestra, several of the principal singers, and the chorus have already been engaged by Rice and Stetson for their "Princess Ida" company. Mr. Ford had intended to go on with "The Beggar Student," which was doing a good business; but the recent decision of Judge Fisher, in McCaull's injunction case, prevented his playing it. He thought it best to close at once. After the reorganization of his company in May, Mr. Ford says, he will begin the season in St. Louis. Rumors telegraphed here from Pittsburg that Mr. Ford was heavily indebted to his company at its dishandment were decided emphatically by Mr. Ford to-day, who stated that one reason of his sudden disbandment was to keep from running into debt.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY INTERESTS.

COMPLIMENTS TO EDINBURGH-INCREASED FACIL

the University of Edinburgh was formally presented, and it was voted to send engrossed resolutions of congratula-tions to Minister Lowell in London, who was formerly a sident professor in the university here, requesting him to present them in person. A council was established for the government and regulation of the gymnasium, and provision was made to meet the wants of a large number of students in the civil engineering course, by the appointment of an additional professor. Appropriations were also made for apparatus of various kinds in the different departments of the university. The department of electrical engineering is steadily growing in favor, and already has quite as many, if not more, students than some of the older courses. him to present them in person. A council was established

THE CALLAHAN WILL SUSTAINED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] SCHENECTADY, Feb. 27.-The Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of a lower court and the action of Surrogate Calvin, of New-York, in probating the will o' Gertrude H. Callahan. She was a daughter of Harmann Peek, of Schenestady, who died in New-York Harmanit Peek, of Schenectady, who died in New-101z in 1876. She teft \$30,000 to Catholic institutions in New-York City and the residue of her estate in trust to her son-in-law, Patrick Callahan; and at his death the property was to go to Cardinal McCloskey. Jesse Peck, son of the testatrix, contested the will on the ground that it was executed under fear or compulsion or the undue influence of ther husband, and that the signature was a forgery. The estate embraced valuable real property in Schenectary.

SUICIDE WITH A TABLE KNIFE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEUNE.] TRENTON, Feb. 27 .- A daughter of John Allen, a colored hostier in this city, this afternoon com-mitted suicide by stabbing herself with a table knife. She was twenty-five years old, and, although suffering for a long time from a lung disease which was incurable, had not been in low spirits. She had been playing with the children after dinner, when she went to her room and

" MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING."

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, Feb. 27 .- Mr. Irving appeared tonight for the first time in Boston in "Much Ado About Nothing." The audience was large and enthusiastic, the stage setting admirable, and the performance on the whole enjoyable. Miss Terry has never before appeared to such good advantage in this city, and was received with utmost cordiality and enthusiasm. The support was

COUNTERFEIT COIN JEWELRY.

Boston, Feb. 27 .- Mayor McElrath, chief of the Secret Service of New-England, has made a timely discovery of the gilding of the recent issue of the five-cent nickel by manufacturers of cheap jewelry, by which the oin is made to look like a \$5 gold piece, and which could coin is made to look like a \$5 goin peee, and when the manufacturers expressed surprise when informed that they were violating the law against counterfeiting, and readily agreed to abandon and discontinue the manufacture of lewelry with the nickel, and surrender to the United States officers all samples of jewelry they had made of this design.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH. HELENA'S CITY DEBT COMPROMISED.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 27.—The debt of Helena, Ark., to he amount of \$280,000, has been compromised at 50 ents on the dollar, eight-tenths of the creditors agreeing.

DEFAULTING STATE TREASURER POLK. NASHVIELE, Feb. 27.—The case of Marsh T. Polk defaulting Treasurer of Tennessee, was called in the preme Court this morning and reset for hearing on a day, on account of the illness of the defendant.

PACIFIC COAST PUGILISM. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—An agreement was last night between John L. Sullivan and G. M. Rol for a "knocking-out" contest of four rounds. Bol Is the champion heavy-weight of the Olympic Ciub.

THE WOMAN WHOM MRS. BUSSEY SHOT.
TROY, Feb. 27.—S. Harry Bussey's father expresses the
belief that Ida Brown, who was shot by Mrs. Bussey at
Rochester yesterday, is one of seven persons who had
entered lato a conspiracy to extort money from Bussey,
He says two women had been following his son for AN OYSTER BOAT'S GHASTLY FIND.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

NEW-HAVEN, Feb. 27.—While dredging on the five-fathom oyster bed, just outside the harbor toMcDONALD'S DEFENCE.

HIS COUNSEL'S ARGUMENT IN THE SENATE. WHY THE PRISONER SHOULD NOT BE ADJUDGED IN

CONTEMPT.
[FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Feb. 27.-Sergeant-at-Arms Goss seized the first opportunity to-day to inform the Senate that he had arrested William McDonald. The prisoner looking seared, was led before the Lieutenant-Governor's desk, and Mr. Hill informed him that he was charged with contempt of the Senate. Senator Murphy, leaping up, said: "I hold in my hands a petition signed by the prisoner, saying that he is ignorant of the rules of this Senate and asks for counsel." Senator Gibbs offered a resolution granting permission to Mr. Ecclesine to appear as McDonald's counsel. The resolution was passed.

Mr. Ecclesine asked for a copy of the testimony taken by the committee when McDonald's alleged contempt of the Senate occurred. He examined the testimony, and then complained that it did not contain his own objections to the questions of the committee. He argued that his objections showed that the Committee on Cities was attempting to exercise judicial powers. He demanded that he should be furnished with all the testimony. Senator Lansing moved that the counsel should be limited to the testimony before him. The motion

MR. ECCLESINE'S ARGUMENT. Mr. Ecclesine then argued that McDonald was not in contempt of the Senate. The chief point of this argument was that the Committee on Cities had attempted to get information from McDonald in regard to his private business, and that, therefore, the committee exceeded its powers. He argued that the Legislature had only power to compel the attendance of witnesses when an investigation was in progress to further legislation. It had no power to hold a court to detect a crime. It could inquire into public abuses to get information to correct those abuses. McDonald was not a public officer; he was a citizen who had furnished certain materials to the Department of Public Works. It was right to make manife whether McDonald did actually furnish this material, but it was not right to make inquiry concerning his private business. He was engaged in the sale of coal, besides being a contractor, and it was when the committee began inquiring into this private business that McDonald refused to answer questions. Mr. Ecclesine quoted from the case of Kilbourne against Thompson to show that a witness could not be punished for contempt. the committee exceeded its powers. He argued that

show that a wind contempt.

The Senate ordered that all the testimony taken while examining McDonald should be furnished to his counsel, and the matter was then passed by until to-morrow.

THE CONTRACT LABOR PROBLEM. A NEW BILL PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE-THE

CAPITOL INVESTIGATION. [FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNG.] ALBANY, Feb. 27 .- The Legislature escaped from its dilemma regarding the contract labor bill, to-day, by passing a new bill on the subject, which prohibits the making of further contracts for the labor convicts. This result was reached after considerable manonvering. Senator Comstock the old bill, holding that it ought to have been sent to the the best way out of the difficulty would be for the Senats

to reconsider its vote. Senators Jacobs and Ellsworth thought that the dignity Senators Jacobs and Ellsworth thought that the dignity of the Senate would be raffled if it backed down from the position it bal taken. Taey advised Senator Comstock to give up his old bill and at once introduce a new one-precisely like it. Senator Comstock followed this advice, and in five minutes the Senate had passed the bill and it was on its way to the Assembly. The Assembly also at once acted on the new bill; but Speaker Sheard and others pointed out the absurd course of the Senate in attempting to amend a bill after it had passed both Houses. The Assemblymen are also now inquiring what has become of the original bill. Legally it is in the castody of the Clerk of the Senate, and he must send it to the Governor.

REPORT OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Senate Finance Committee to-day sub-mitted a report of its investigation of Capireport says that while some of the testimony fairly establishes that political favoritism has at times in a measure influenced the appointment and employment ITHES AND PATRONAGE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ITHACA, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the trustees

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] committee recommens the appropriation of \$24,000 to put the electric light in the Senate and Assembly chambers, and an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to intish and furnish the interior as far as it can be done this year, and to carry up the lowest roof of the bailding. The committee finds that contracts have been entered into by the Commissioner for work that will require for its completion a sum beyond the appropriations therefor. Such contracts are in violation of the statute problinting the crestion of a liability by the State beyond the appropriations for work, out as the Commissioner has provided in the contracts a stipulation intended by him to relieve the State from liability if he should determine to terminate the contracts, the committee, walle believing that the stipulation does not entirely relieve the embarrassment, simply desires to state the facts as all it wishes to say on the subject. The report is signed by Senators Lansing, Bowen, Low and Davidson, Republicans, and Senators Jacobs, Murphy and Thatcher, Demicrats, agree with much of it, but disagree as to some portions.

ACTION OF THE ASSEMBLY.

THE PILOTAGE BILL PASSED—CIVIL SERVICE REFORM -AN EXPLANATION BY MR. HOWE.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Feb. 27.-The Assembly passed today by a vote of 82 to 21 the bill reducing the fees of the Sandy Hook pilots 25 per cent.

The Assembly Committee on Cities reported favorably one of the most important bilis of the session. It is George Clinton's and it makes mandatory instead of permissive the enforcement of the Civil Service Reform law n the cities of the State. Rochester yet declines to take advantage of the law and, moreover, the law is loosely enforced in other cities. It further needs strengthenin in respect to its application to New-York and Brooklys Clinton's bill. One of these amendments is as follows: Clinton's bill. One of these amendments is as follows:
Within two months after the passage of this act it
shall be the duty of the Mayor of each city in the State to
cause to be arranged in classes the several clerks and
persons employed, or being in the public service of that
city, and they shall include in one or more of such classes
so far as practicable, for the purposes of examination, all
subordinates and officers in the public service.
There is a further amendment which states:

After the termination of three months from the passage of this act no officer or clerk shall be appointed and no person shall be admitted to or be promoted in either of the said classes now existing, or that may be arranged hereinunder pursuant to said rules, until he has passed an examination or is shown to be exempted from such xamination in conformity with such regulations.

The Assembly passed to-day the important bill author izing the lengthening of Lock No. 46 on the Eric Canal. This may be the first step toward expending \$5,000,000 in lengthening the locks.

Assemblyman Howe, of New-York, informed the Assen Assemblyman Howe, of New-York, informed the Assembly to-day teat he had been told that some remarks of his at Semator Dagaett's dinner concerning Assemblyman Burns, of Brooklyn, had been repeated to the latter, and had caused offence. He said that he had been misquoted, and he would so inform Mr. Burns.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Darragh authorizing the County Clerk of this city to collect \$10 from each Notary Public at the time of taking the oath.

The Assembly Committee on Internal Affairs will report favorably the Boosevelt High License bill. The Committee on Internal Affairs will report favorably the bill prohibiting the sale of liquor by druggists in New-York and Brooklyn, except upon the prescription of a physician. sician.

The special committee investigating the Utica Insanc Asylum abuses this afternoon examined ex-Senator Lowry, one of the directors, and Dr. Charles W. Pilgrim of the Asylum. The committee will go to Utica at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

THE SITUATION AT FALL RIVER.

FALL RIVER, Feb. 27 .- The Tecumseh mills pened this morning and have 200 looms and 4,000 indles running. The Crescent mills started with about fifty looms. The Border City mills, which the leaders have made great efforts to stop, are running all their looms. The Wampanong mills are running full, as is also the Pocasset. The Bourne and Barnaby mills, which struck, are also running. Secretary Stodard claims that the manufacturers have not gained, and states that the strikers can hold out ten weeks longer if necessary.

A LYNCHING PARTY DISAPPOINTED. NASHVILLE, Feb. 27 .- The passengers on a

ain which arrived here this afternoon from Louisville report that when the train reached Nolin's Station fifty masked men, armed with guns and pistols, boarded it. The passenger's supposed them to be train robbers and were greatly alarmed. The leader explained that they were looking for a negro who was charged with assaulting a young woman at Elizabethtown, and who was supposed to be on the way to Sonora, Ky., for trial. The negro

was not on the train, the sheriff having received warning SENATORS IN ANGRY MOOD, of the mob's intention.

HAS SHE A DOWER RIGHT?

A WOMAN CLAIMS HER DIVORCED HUSBAND'S ESTATE.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Feb. 27.-Samuel L. Bevans, a prominent resident of this village, died here last June. Heleft \$15,000 worth of property, and an insurance policy on his life for \$5,000. The latter was in favor of his wife. The property he willed to his nephew, William Bevans. The will was contested by his sisters and brother. A hearing in the case came up before the Surrogate, in Goshen, on Monday, when a new party to the contest appeared in the person of a woman claiming to be the legal widow of the deceased. Bevans married a Sussex County girl in 1864. The couple did not live happily, and Bevans left his wife and went to Indiana. He subsequently rehis wife and went to Indiana. He subsequently returned and said he had procured a divorce in that State. The statement was never disputed, and each married again. The first wife is living in Sussex County with her second husband, by whom she has had several children. She now alleges that the divorce obtained by Bevans was not valid, and that she consequently is entitled to the snare in his estate guaranteed her by the law as such widow. Further hearing in the case will await the result of investigations into the question of the divorce. If the first wife's claim is allowed it will declare her children to be filegitimate, and for that reason the cause of the claimant has created a declade sensation in the community, where the principals in this affair have high social standing.

ANARCHY AT HOT SPRINGS.

A COMMITTEE FRIENDLY TO THREE MURDERERS RULE WITH A HIGH HAND.

Hor Springs, Ark., Feb. 27.-Doran, Pratt, Landing and Allison, who were committed without ball for murder on the street on February 9, were taken to the penitentiary at Little Rock to-day, and were given an evation by a number of persons before their departure. The feeling of bitterness and its intensity cannot be described. The committee of fourteen, some of whom are citizens and some not, virtually con trol the town. The laws are practically suspended trol the town. The laws are practically suspended and the committee have things in their own hands. They are controlled in a great measure by a man known here as Charles Watson, but whose real name is Charles Faulk, who is under indictment at Carisle. Fenn., for murder, arson and burgiary-Faulk furnishes to the committee the names of objectionable persons, who invariably are men who are witnesses against Doran and his accomplices. It was rumoved this afternoon that W. C. Harris, editor of The Horse Shoc, who has denounced the murderers and the action of the committee, would be warned to leave the city in the morning. Mr. Harris expresses contempt for the whole party and continues to publish the true facts in regard to the assassination. About twenty additional men were compelled to leave the city to-day, by order of the committee, at the point of the bayonet.

A BLIZZARD AND SNOW BLOCKADE. TRAVEL AND TRAFFIC ALMOST SUSPENDED IN MIN-

NESOTA. St. Paul, Feb. 27 .- Advices to The Evening Journal report light snow, high wind and drifting on the Manitobaline. The storm on the Minneapolls and St, Louis, which set in last night, developed to-day into the worst blizzard of the season, the snow drifting heavily particularly west of Albert Lea. The running of freight trains has been temporarily abandoned, but passenger trains are running on slow time. On the Winona and St. Peter road all trains have been abandoned until the weather moderates. On the Northern Pacific the weather is very cold and stormy in the east, and some trouble is experienced from weakened track from floods on the Yellowstone end.

THE WORST OF THE SEASON. Dispatches from all parts of the Northwest indicate that the present storm is the worst of the season. At St. Vincent thd mercury was 29° below zero, and at Wilmar, on the Breckinridge division, it was 10° below. These xtiemes cover the range on all of the lines. On the extremes cover the range on all of the lines. On the Northern Pacific the trains are running, but there was a detention of twenty-four hours, caused by washouts. The mercury is 17° below zero in Dakota, and 35° above in Montana. The storm continued nearly all of last night west of Dakota, with the mercury ranging from 20° below to zero, but it is over now. A dispatch to The Minneopolis Journal says that all trains on the Canadian Pacific have been withdrawn.

MISCEGENATION IN OHIO.

THE ONLY CONVICTION UNDER A LAW FORTY-FOUR YEARS OLD. TOLEDO, Feb. 27 .- The case of Robert Bailey, olored, on trial for marrying a white girl, contrary to the law of 1840, which imposes a fine of \$100 and three months' imprisonment for a white person marrying one of negro blood or vice-versa, was tried here to-day. A demurrer filed by the defence that the law was unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment, was over-ruled. Batley was found guilty and given the full pen-

HORSEWHIPPED BY WOMEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.-Two women horsewhipped D. L. Regenberger, a prominent attorney, this morning. As Regenberger was walking along Kearney-st., the women sprung from a carriage, applied tha lash, and, re-entering the carriage, drove away. The cause of the assault is said to be expressions of the at-torney resenting the intrusion of the women on his society at the Mardi Grasball last night.

INDIANA DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

Indianapolis, Feb. 27.-The Democratic State Central Committee to-day fixed June 25 as the date of the State Convention. Ex Senator McDonald tendered his resignation as chairman, but the committee declined to accept it, and he will continue to act, temporarily at least.

THE HOUSE OF REFUGE INQUIRY.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 27.-The House of Refuge investigation was resumed to-day. Several witnesses gave corroborative evidence regarding the cruel punish ment, dark cells and bread and water diet. The witnesses for the superintendent will be heard to-morrow, and the testimony will close on Friday.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 27 .- The Ohio Equal Rights League Association to-day issued an address to the colored voters of Ohio, condemning the Crowell Civil Rights bill passed by the Legislature on February 5.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN OHIO.

EX-GOVERNOR HUBBARD DEAD. HARTFORD, Feb. 28 .- Ex-Governor R. D.

Hubbard died at 1:30 o'clock this morning of Bright's PHILADELPHIA MILL BUILDINGS BURNED.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 .- The drying and p in tin | hous s of James and John Hunter's cotton and woolen mill at Fifty-fifth and Paschall sts., were burned to night. Loss \$30,000; insured.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

REDUCING WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

READING, Penn., Feb. 27.—Notices are posted in nine hat factories here, employing fully 800 hands, announcing a 12 per cent reduction after March 1. The reasons given for the reduction are strong competition and the exorbitant duty on wool. The proprietors of the Weimer Machine Works at Lebanon, employing several hundred hands, have made a reduction in wages of from 8 to 124 per cent.

TWO BODIES FOUND IN A CANAL TWO BODIES FOUND IN A CASAL HARDSBURG, Penn, Fen. 27.—The bodies of it were found in the canal here this morning, and ha identified as those of a pedier named Meyer, of I and a colored man from Hummelstown, Alexand ner, both of whom have been missing for some th THE SOUTHERN CHAUTAUQUA
PENSACOLA, Feb. 27.—The Rev. A. H. Gillett, ag
the Chautauqua Assembly, has selected Lake Def
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SHAW BROTHERS' SETTLEMENT DEFERRED.
BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The delay of a few of the creditors
of F. Shaw & Bros. in signing one of the three propositions
of sottlement has made it necessary to ask for an extension of time for the settlement of two months from
March 1.

BUTLER WANTS TO SELL LAND TO BOSTON.
BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Negotiations are on foot for the sale
of land at Squantum, belonging to ex-Governor Butler's
son Paul, to Boston for a sewerage pumping station. He
will grant a fee of the whole for \$60,000. Squantum
cost the Butler family \$30,000. THE NAIL TRADE IMPROVING.

PHTSBURG, Feb. 27.—The Western Nail association met to day. Reports indicate an ingroved condition of the trade. Stocks have not accumulated, the new card has been maintained, and the demand is fair.

NOMINATED FOR MAYOR OF ELMIRA. EtMIRA, Feb. 27.—The Democrats of this city to-night commuted ex-Assemblyman J. J. O'Connor for mayor. A MERCHANT'S FAILURE IN BATH.

ELMIRA, Feb. 27—A dispatch from Bath states that A S. Howell & Co., dealers in dry goods, failed this after noon. The hiabilities are estimated at \$60,000. The assets are \$40,000.

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HOMAGE TO A DEAD JOURNALIST.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The Legislature has made provision for the bringing of the remains of the eminent war correspondent, J. A. McGahan, from Constantino ple to Ohio for burial.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

HOT WORDS BETWEEN MR. VEST AND MR.

BUTLER. ENMITY TO JOHN ROACH LEADS THE MISSOURI SEN-ATOR INTO COLLISION WITH THE SOUTH CARO

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- In the discussion on Mr. Hale's bill providing for the construction of the new cruisers, Messrs. Butler and Vest to-day so far forgot themselves and the dignity of the Senate as to indulge in an exhibition of bad temper. Messrs. Beck and McPherson had attacked the bill on general grounds, insinuating that they had no confidence in the Secretary of the Navy and his management of the department. Both declared that the lobby was interested in the passage of the bill, and Mr. Vest asserted that he had been approzehed and asked to vote for it.

Mr. McPherson declared that a competing contractor told him last year that it was impossible for any one to compete with John Roach, unless the Government allowed him the same inspector as Roach would have.

"If the Senator," shouted Mr. Butler, "says John Roach put a Secretary in the Navy Department, I want him to prove it." Mr. McPherson denied having said any such thing, but the South Carolina Senator's ire was stirred. "I don't know Mr. Roach," he exclaimed. "No lobby has ever approached me on this subject. If a lobby has approached the Senators from Missouri and New-Jersey, it is their fault, not mine." A good deal of excitement followed this outburst; Senators grew fidgety, the chair rapped for order, and people in the galleries woke up, as the unusual scene was transacted below.

MR. VEST BROUGHT TO HIS FRET. Mr. Vest was on his feet in a second, his face inflamed with passion, and demanded what Mr. Butler meant. "I mean precisely what I said," replied Mr. Butler, facing the little Missouri statesman. "What!" cried Mr. Vest, advancing a step, the color mounting to his cheeks, "Do you mean to say that I have said anything about anybody being corruptly ap-proached?"

anything about anybody being corruptly approached?"

Mr. Butler replied: "I said nothing of the sort: I took the language of the Senator himself. He said he was approached by an officer and asked to vote for the bill. I was not approached by any one, and if he permitted himself to be approached it was his fault and not mine."

"I said," rejoined Mr. Vest, "in order to indicate the anxiety of the friends of this bill, that the Senator from Indiana and myself, as we came from the marble room were approached by an, officer who asked us for God's sake' to vote for that bill. Now, the Senator from South Carolina intimates that I ought not to have permitted any one to approach me in that way. Does the Senator think that is either, fair, just, kindly or generous?"

A CHIRGE OF SENSITIVENESS. "I made no imputations on the Senator's houesty," replied Mr. Butler. " Nothing was further from my purpose. I am amazed that the Senator should indulge in this sensitiveness."

"I am not indulging in any sensitiveness," retorted Mr. Vest in a loud and aggressive manner, "I permit no one, either here or elsewhere, to make any such insinuation as to my standing as a Senator or a gentleman." This statement created a deeided sensation, and gentle Mr. Harris, who sat in cided sensation, and gentle Mr. Harris, who sat in the Chair, proceeded to expostulate with the gen-tlemen for the personal character of the discussion. Mr. Voorhees threw oil on the troubled waters by a motion to adjourn. The Senate evidently had had enough of it, and both gentlemen seemed ex-hausted. The galleries enjoyed the scene hugely and were rather disappointed at the sudden end-ing of it. There is no immediate prospect of a duel.

STATE RIGHTS AND PLEURO-PNEUMONIA. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- The fate of the Pleuropneumonia bill is still in doubt. A motion in Committee of the Whole to strike out the enacting clause was lost by only four votes in a total vote of 232. The State Rights Democrats caught the friends of the bill napping and carried a motion in Committee of the Whole to strike out the fourth section, which provides that whenever a State in which a contagious disease exists to an extent that fails to take proper measures for its extirpation, or to co-operate with the General Government to that end, the President may declare said State in quarantine, and regulate, or prohibit, the transportation of cartle therefrom. A ayeand nay vote is to be taken in the House on this motion and the friends of the bill hope to retain the section. In the course of the debate, Mr. Cook, an Iowa Democrat, warned his party associates that if they refuse to pass this measure, which is regarded as one of vital consequence by the agricultural communities of the West and Northwest, they need expect no help from those communities in the coming political contest, This warning and threat seemed to fall on deaf and This warning and threat seemed to fall on deaf and indifferent ears. While the Republicans voted solidly in support of the bill on every amendment offered, the Democrats, with, perhaps, a score of exceptions, voted as solidly the other way. If the bill is passed, it will be as a Republican party measure and over the heads of the Democrate majority in the House. Mr. Hatch thinks that it will carry, while its opponents, under the lead of Mr. Randall, seem confident that his motion to recommit the bill will be adopted. If it should be, there would remain faint prospects indeed of the passage of any measure of the sort at this session of Congress.

A DEMOCRATIC JOINT CAUCUS. ACTION TAKEN TO FORM A CONGRESSIONAL CAM-

PAIGN COMMITTEE. Washington, Feb. 27,-The Democratic embers of the Senate and House (Senator Pendleton presiding) met in joint caucus to-day to appoint a Demoeratic Congressional Campaign Committee. It was decided that the caucus should name as a member of such committee one person for every State and Territory having no Democratic representation, and ritory having no Democratic representation, and from the District of Columbia. An Executive Committee of three Senators and five Representatives is to be chosen by the campaign committee. The committee as agreed upon at the canens is as follows: Arkansas, A. H. Gariand; Connecticut, W. W. Eaton; Delaware, C. B. Lore; Illinois, R. W. Townshend; Indiana, S. M. Stockslager; Iowa, J. H. Murphy; Louisiana, N. C. Blanchard; Maryland, A. P. Gorman; Massachusetts, H. B. Lovering; Michigan, N. B. Eldredge; Mississippi, H. L. Muldrow; Missouri, A. M. Dockery; New-York, R. S. Stevens; North Carolina, C. Dowd; Pennsylvania, William Motchler; South Carolina, S. Dibble; Tennessee, I. G. Harris; Texas, R. Q. Milis; Virginia, J. S. Barbour; West Virginia, J. E. Kenna; Florida, R. H. M. Davidson; Georgia, A. H. Colquitt; Oregon, J. H. Slater; Wisconsin, P. V. Deuster; Artzona, G. H. Oury; Montana, Martin Magiunis; Wyomina, M. E. Post; Utab, S. T. Caine.

The States which will name members of the committee within two days are: Alabama, California, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nevada, New-Jersey and Ohio. The States and Ferritories from which members are to be selected by the committee are: Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Nebruska, New-Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and Washington, Idaho, New-Mexico and Dakota Territories. from the District of Columbia. An Executive

SENATOR VAN WYCK'S SUSPICIONS.

HE CHARGES THE TELEGRAPH COMPANIES WITH A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- In the Senate today Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution directing the Com-mittee on Post Offices and Post Roads to inquire whether at any time the Western Union and Baltimore and Ohlo relegraph Companies, or any of their officers or employes, have entered into a contract or negotiation for the purpose of consolidating the companies or making a co nation for any purpose.

Mr. Van Wyck said that the evidence of Dr. Norvin

Green before the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads clearly established the fact that a contract Roads clearly established the fact that a contract was made and executed two years ago, but that the clear Garrett had defeated the operation of the contract. This inquiry was important now, he remarked, when the younger Garrett had been interviewing the committee and seriously proposing to assume the fatherity care of the Government toward the people, and protect them by building new lines, playing the rôle of big brother, exainst the extortions of the Western Union. Mr. Van Wyck intimated that there was an understanding between the telegraph companies, and said the only thing the Western Union feared was that the Government would build a telegraph line. Ho thought the fact that Mr. Bates, a trusted officer of the Western Union, had gone over to the Saitmore and Ohio a significant one, since he had done the same when the